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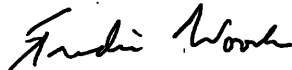
Re: MUR 4742
Request for Extension of Time

Dear Mr. Buckley:

On July 25, 2000, upon my return to my office from a brief vacation, I received a copy of the General Counsel's Brief in support of a finding of probable cause in the above-entitled matter. Although the brief is dated July 13, 2000, it was not received by my office until July 18, 2000, while I was away on vacation.

My clients intend to vigorously dispute the allegations against them. By this letter, I am formally requesting an extension of time to and until September 15, 2000, in which to file our brief stating our position on the issues and replying to the brief of the General Counsel's office. This extension request is necessitated by the conflict created by my preparation for and involvement in an upcoming election contest, scheduled to begin trial on August 16, as well as various other conflicting demands on my time and my clients' availability in the next few weeks. Under the circumstances, this brief extension request is eminently reasonable, especially given that the General Counsel's Brief was served on us without any advance notice, nine months after we had provided Mr. Row with the additional follow-up information he had requested in order to permit him to evaluate the case and decide whether to pursue this matter further.

Sincerely,



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